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Dear Interested Agencies, State and Local Governments, Tribes and Public:

I am pleased to announce that I have signed the Decision Memo for the Nestlé Waters North America special use permit. Based on my evaluation of the project record (including public comments, specialist reports, and consultation with other agencies) I have decided to approve the continued occupancy and use of National Forest System lands for the extraction and transmission of water using existing improvements, subject to resource protection measures designed to ensure compliance with the San Bernardino National Forest Land Management Plan. The initial permit term will be three (3) years, with the provision for annual permits for an additional two (2) years. The maximum permit term covered by this decision is five (5) years.

In addition to approving the use of the existing improvements, Nestlé will be required to conduct hydrologic and riparian area studies and to modify operations under an Adaptive Management Plan if monitoring shows that water extraction is impacting surface water flow and riparian dependent resources on the National Forest.

A copy of the Decision Memo is available on the project webpage at:

<http://go.usa.gov/cGyXH> (please note - this URL is case sensitive)

This decision concludes the planning process that began in March of 2016. For more information, contact Forest Planner Tasha Hernandez at nestle_decision_sbnf@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH RECHSTEINER
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